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AS this number of the BULLETIN was about to issue from the press, the deep shadows of an impenetrable cloud of sorrow suddenly enveloped our beloved Alma Mater. The strong right arm that, with power from on High, had been the main-stay of URSINUS COLLEGE for twenty years, trembled and grew nerveless in death; the great, brave heart, that through struggle and adversity never once faltered in its trust, ceased its beating and was still forever. "A mighty man has fallen in Israel," and the college mourns his departure with a grief that finds its best expression in the mute silence of a soul too full to speak its woe.

The death of President J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL. D., of URSINUS COLLEGE, early Tuesday morning, August nineteenth, at his home in Collegeville, was preceded by but two weeks of illness and eleven days of confinement to his bed. On Sunday evening, August third, while sitting out on the lawn of his residence he contracted a cold, which in the course of several days developed into catarrh of the bladder. He did not, however, deem his condition sufficiently serious to require medical attention until the following Thursday, when he called in a well-known physician of the neighborhood. With skillful professional treatment and careful nursing the catarrhal inflammation was soon checked and cured; but hardly had this been accomplished when enteritis, a typhoid inflammation of the intestines, set in. This trouble too, within a week after the doctor's services began, was apparently controlled, and on Thursday preceding his death the patient was thought to be in the first stage of convalescence. He continued in this encouraging state until late the succeeding Monday afternoon, neither gaining nor losing, when suddenly signs of a rapid sinking and giving way of strength appeared. These alarming conditions continued through Monday night, but it was confidently expected that the patient with his well-known vitality, would rally, and the near approach of death was not realized until the last moment.

The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. Except in the first two or three days of his illness, the patient suffered little or no pain, and his final departure was as a passing into sleep, or the easy, quiet stopping of a machine whose motive power has been taken away.

All was done for his comfort that the willing hands and loving hearts of sons and daughters, who watched by his side day and night, and the skill of a devoted physician, could devise. His end was an end abounding in peace and comfort.

The next issue of the BULLETIN will be a memorial number, devoted entirely to a portrayal of the life and character of the departed one. The details of his funeral obsequies and his interment will be postponed until the appearance of that number.

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MID-SUMMER is an opportune season for presenting students with news from their Alma Mater, and this fact, with the added consideration that at Collegeville a new enterprise, the Commencement Herald, has removed the demand for an edition of the regular college paper immediately after the annual festivities, explains the appearance of our closing number at this date. The rule now followed becomes the precedent for the future. Our next issue will be published October first.

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There are two sayings, one well-known and trite, the other not quite so familiar, perhaps, but both from sources equally renowned, that have a vital meaning just now for URSINUS COLLEGE and its varied interests. The first asserts that in all the affairs of men there is a mysterious tide which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; and the second, that successful "zeal and duty are not slow, but on occasion's forelock watchful wait."

One complements the other, and combined they form the keynote of prosperity. For our beloved Alma Mater,—all praise to the best single instance of generosity in the cause of higher education ever known in the Reformed Church in the United States,—this flooding tide is here, this forelock of occasion is at hand. Will the demands of the moment be met, the splendid opportunity be seized with a firm, unyielding grasp, and the necessary zeal and duty be quick to rise and vigorous to act? In this final issue of another successful volume and year, the BULLETIN rejoices to be able to say that it firmly believes they will, and that the ground of its conviction is the cogent conclusiveness of fact.

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The Alumni Association as a body has manfully made a worthy pledge, and forty names are already staked upon the issue to redeem it. Numerous friends of the institution, recognizing the nature of the fruitful crisis it has reached, are rapidly shouldering the other responsibility that remains. Others may be seen coming to their aid. The battle even now is more than half achieved, and its closing hours are assuming the nature of a triumph. Individuals who would do the part that will entitle them to a share in the laurels of the victory, should act in the momentous present, following the examples their fellows have nobly set before them. The star of URSINUS is in the ascendant and the BULLETIN ends its annual round of work in hearty gladness that the per-

manent welfare of the college is at last on the point of being finally secured.

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Prospects are excellent for a large influx of students at the opening of the Fall Term of the college on September first. Many applications have been received and registered and, unless all indications fail, the beginning of the new academic year will be a most auspicious one.

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The recent conferring of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy upon Professor Samuel Vernon Ruby, of our Faculty, by the authorities of Franklin & Marshall College, was a well-merited honor to a veteran and experienced teacher, which URSINUS gratefully acknowledges.

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Each copy of this issue of the BULLETIN will contain a title-page and complete index for volumes five and six, covering the academic periods '88-'89 and '89-'90. A similar index and title-page will be published regularly hereafter at the end of every second college year.

Commencement Eighteen-Ninety.

HOW URSINUS COLLEGE BEGAN ITS
THIRD DECADE.

AN ENTRY ON A PERIOD OF INCREASED PROSPERITY.

Our Alma Mater's Nineteenth Commencement is a thing of the past. Its fruits are a permanent possession of the future. As a stated event in the academic life of URSINUS COLLEGE, the graduation festival of 1890 has come

and gone; but the results of this anniversary of rejoicing remain with us for all time, rich with promise of the harvests they shall bear. In the unwritten history of the institution, the occasion will be called the auspicious beginning of a new Epoch, a commencement in truth as well as names whose moral force developed into an imperishable heritage of progress and prosperity.

Throughout the week the exercises were attended by large and deeply interested audiences. The seating capacity of the spacious tent was filled each night, and at the crowning festivities on Thursday morning several hundred people who were unable to find room even under the immense folds of sheltering canvas, enjoyed the programme from the pleasant shade of near-by trees. A most gratifying feature of the commencement was the unusual number of Alumni and old students who had made it their delight to return for a time to the scenes of their school-day life. Never before, perhaps, were so many graduates of the college gathered together on a similar occasion.

But of far greater moment and substantial import than all the joyous details of this memorable celebration, was the unprecedented feeling of enthusiastic loyalty to the institution and confident faith in its successful destiny, with which its founders and supporters, as well as its sons and daughters who were present, seemed to be thoroughly inspired. Sentiments of congratulation and joy, springing from the common conviction shared by all that an era of great achievement for URSINUS had already begun, animated every friend from far and near, and the prevailing spirit found its culmination and

materialization in the subscription of the Alumni Association of Ten thousand dollars to its Alma Mater, in the additional Five thousand dollars, in pledges of different amounts, secured as donations from various individuals, but chiefly, and as the real source of the lesser good things just mentioned, in the splendid gift of Twenty-five thousand dollars by Mr. Robert Patterson, the institution's "Best Friend."

As heretofore, the BULLETIN publishes under separate heads, in the columns of this number that follow, a full account of the general proceedings of each successive day during the week.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

BY PRESIDENT J. H. A. BOMBERGER,
D. D., LL. D.

The farewell sermon to the graduating class, on Sunday evening, June 22d, formed a fitting opening to the week's programme. The services began at 8 o'clock. For some time previous to that hour dark clouds had been gathering in the west, showing plainly the near approach of the heavy shower which fell during the delivery of the discourse. Nevertheless an assemblage came together probably exceeding in size any of previous years on this occasion. The audience was evidently one deeply interested in the exercises. The noise of the rain on the canvas walls of the tent, which, at times, while President Bomberger was speaking, almost threatened to drown the sound of his voice, seemed only to rivet more closely the attention of his hearers.

St. Luke's Choir, led by Mr. C. A. Wismer, and with Miss May Royer, '86, as organist, opened the services with a selection of sacred music. At

its conclusion the invocation was offered and brief passages of Scripture were read by the President of the college; after which Vice-President Super delivered an earnest prayer. The singers having then rendered another beautiful number in excellent style, Dr. Bomberger arose, announced his text and proceeded with the task before him. Thanks to the services of a skillful stenographer, the BULLETIN is able to publish the sermon in another part of this issue verbatim, word for word, just as it was delivered.

This is the first time our columns have contained an URSINUS Baccalaureate in full, and it is a source of satisfaction that circumstances render it possible to insert it in this complete form, which it is believed will materially increase its interest for friends who did not hear it. The discourse occupied but a few minutes short of an hour in the delivery and maintained fully the high standard set by our President in his efforts of this kind. At its close the audience joined in the singing of the Doxology and were dismissed by the benediction, pronounced by Dr. Super.

JUNIOR CLASS EXERCISES.

MONDAY EVENING'S PROGRAMME.

On the second night of the festivities the Class of Ninety-one provided the entertainment. In some way—be it said in commendation—the two or three hours out of each commencement week reserved for those just on the threshold of the final year of their academic course, seem to have acquired a special popularity among the friends of the college. The evening of June 23, 1890, gave new proof of this fact,

so creditable to the inhabitants of Juniordom. When the class had been seated on the platform, ready for the exercises of the occasion, it found itself face to face with a crowded and eagerly expectant audience. The people came in a throng anticipating a time of real pleasure and solid enjoyment and they went away with a general feeling of satisfaction at having received in full measure exactly what they sought.

The members of Ninety-one who took part in the programme were presented by Master of Ceremonies Harry E. Jones, of Easton, Pa. They all acquitted themselves with high honor, and their success was liberally applauded. The music, consisting of choicest cullings from the large and attractive repertoire of Prof. L. B. Vanderslice's Phoenix Military Band, was also warmly received. The programme in full as rendered was as follows:

March—"President," . . . Reeves

Invocation—

Rev. Prof. M. Peters, A. M.

Waltz—"Love's Dreamland," . . . Røeder

Salutatory—

Lillie Preston, Collegeville, Pa.

Baritone Solo—"Tramp, Tramp, Tramp,"

Rollinson

Scientific Oration—"National Hindrances,"

J. Manton Mensch, Pennsburg, Pa.

Literary Oration—"Influence of the Sabbath,"

Hallie R. Vanderslice, Collegeville, Pa.

Overture—"Barber of Seville," . . . Rossini

Classical Oration—"The Golden Age of Roman Literature,"

Horace T. Wagner, Frederick, Pa.

Class Oration—"Non Scholæ sed Vitæ" (Not for School but for Life)

Irvin F. Wagner, Mahanoy City, Pa.

Comic Medley—"All Caught Cold," Reeves

Valedictory—

Frank H. Fisher, Gouglersville, Pa.

Schottische—"Charming Kate," Prendiville

Benediction—

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL. D.

Waltz—"Venus' Reign," . . . Gunge

Of the eighteen members of the class, those who did not participate in the evening's exercises but who nevertheless contributed their full share of assistance in securing for them the success they achieved are: Miss Havilah J. Curdy, Miss Ada E. Schwenk and Miss Flora K. Schwenk; George W. Filbert, Jr., Jay G. Francis, P. E. Heimer, William H. Knipe, Frank B. Miller, William R. Smith, Irvin C. Williams, and Calvin D. Yost.

DIRECTORS OF THE COLLEGE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING ON TUESDAY.

The Directors of the College held their annual meeting on Tuesday the 24th. The morning session was devoted to a review of the past year's work of the Executive Committee, to the reports of the Faculty and other officers of the college, and a pleasing social episode, in which Vice-President H. W. Super, D. D., was made the victim of the Board's kindness.

Several years ago the Directors gave expression to their personal appreciation of the services of President Bomberger by presenting him with a large crayon portrait of himself, and this year they had resolved to put on record their estimate of Dr. Super's worth and service to the college in the same way. The order for the work had been given to Chandler & Sheetz, of Philadelphia, whose faithfulness enabled the Board to present to the Vice-president a most life-like and highly artistic picture,

about 28 by 36 inches in size, mounted in a heavy gilt frame. Dr. Bomberger, in conveying the gift to Vice-President Super, stated that he undertook the arduous duties of starting URSINUS COLLEGE only on condition that Dr. Super could be associated with him in the work, and that he has found him unswervingly devoted to the principles on which the college is founded, and invaluable in the part he has taken in the administration of the institution.

MR. PATTERSON'S GIFT OF \$25,000.

At the afternoon session of the Board Mr. Robert Patterson, one of the Directors, to whose munificence URSINUS COLLEGE is indebted for the most generous favors it has enjoyed in the past, handed to the Secretary the following paper:

"I hereby agree to subscribe \$25,000 toward a new building for the use of the College on condition that an equal amount be raised by other friends for the same purpose, the erection of the building to begin as soon as provision is made to remove all present incumbrances from the property of the institution.

(Signed) ROBERT PATTERSON."

In response to this offer, never equalled in the history of the Reformed Church, the Board resolved:

"That as soon as provision can be made for the removal of the incumbrances now resting on the property, the erection of a new building be commenced:

That the Board of Directors be constituted a committee to solicit the necessary funds for the purpose, with Frank M. Hobson, J. Shelly

Weinberger, and H. T. Spangler as organizers of the work:

That the following persons be appointed a Building Committee, with authority to do all the preparatory work toward the erection of the building, viz., Robert Patterson, J. H. A. Bomberger, H. W. Kratz, Albert Bromer, Frank M. Hobson, J. Shelly Weinberger, and H. T. Spangler:

That the last three members of the committee be constituted a resident sub-committee, who shall act in the intervals between the meetings of the building committee and shall have power to attend to all matters requiring immediate attention:

And that as soon as provision is made to clear the property of its present incumbrances and sufficient money is subscribed to warrant the inauguration of the work, a special meeting of the Board be held at the call of the President to adopt a plan of building, select a site, and contract for its erection."

To consummate the liquidation of the entire indebtedness during the present college year, the Board adopted the following plan:

"Resolved, that the Alumni of the Collegiate and Theological Departments and all former students of the college be earnestly invited to join the Board in a united effort to this end.

"Resolved, that the Board respectfully suggests to the loyal sons of URSINUS, that each one agree to pay for this purpose one hundred dollars, or more, by commencement, 1891, either by contributing the amount himself or by securing it among his friends, thus enabling one hundred of their number to raise \$10,000 in one year's

time without making the effort burdensome to any one of them.

"Resolved, that the Board of Directors hereby agrees, after the lapse of five years, to restore all the money raised by the Alumni under this scheme to an 'Alumni Professorship' fund, by setting apart annually a sum equal to any amount that may be raised during each year by the Alumni of the college for the endowment of such a chair."

DEGREES CONFERRED.

Degrees were conferred by the Board as follows: Master of Arts, *in course*, P. C. Mensch, M. D., '87, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. Charles E. Wehler, '87, Blue Bell, Pa., and E. F. Slough, Esq., '77, Norristown, Pa. Doctor of Philosophy, *honoris causa*, James M. Andrews, M. D., Philadelphia.

NEW DIRECTORS.

Vacancies existing in the Board were filled by the unanimous election as Directors of Mr. Abraham Feters of Chester County, and the Hon. Henry K. Boyer, of Philadelphia, the present State Treasurer of Pennsylvania. The selections made by the Board elicited many expressions of satisfaction and approval.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS BEFORE THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

BY J. FREEMAN HENDRICKS, ESQ., A. M.

Tuesday night, June 24th, brought another altogether enjoyable event, in the annual address before the Literary Societies of the college by J. Freeman Hendricks, Esq., A. M., of Doylestown, Pa. The occasion proved finally that large and appreciative audiences

were to be the unbroken rule of the week, and the size and character of the assemblage alone gave expression to a compliment whose spontaneous warmth was apparently highly appreciated by the speaker.

The exercises began at eight o'clock with a selection of instrumental music entitled "Sweet Roses," by the Ursinus College Orchestra, led by Mr. Irvin C. Williams, '91. Mr. William F. Ruff, New Oxford, Pa., of the Senior Class, introduced the orator of the evening. Mr. Hendricks displayed much pointed originality and eloquence in treating the theme he had chosen for the occasion, "Walks and Talks with Our Boys and Girls." At the Commencement in 1886 the college conferred on the speaker the honorary degree of Master of Arts, and in his opening remarks he referred to this fact in felicitous language. He said that because of what URSINUS had done for him he realized he owed her a debt of gratitude it would be difficult to repay; that his feelings toward her were those of a stranger that had been made an adopted son and that he would ever cherish her with filial regard and endeavor to prove worthy of her confidence.

The substance of his address was rich with interest and instruction. It abounded in well-turned sentences and timely illustrations, and its frequent practical applications, strikingly presented and conclusively deduced, were invariably driven home to the minds of his hearers and clinched in their convictions by the speaker's abrupt, well punctuated, clean cut, forcible style of rhetoric and manner of delivery. Bristling with points that continually appealed to the honest judg-

ment and common sense of those who listened, as well as to their humorous propensities, the address never for a moment grew monotonous. On the contrary the unwearied attention and unflagging interest of the audience showed themselves in the unstinted applause accorded the speaker throughout his address and in fullest measure at its conclusion.

The evening's entertainment terminated with another musical selection styled "Colwell Waltzes," by the orchestra and brief closing remarks and the benediction by President Bomberger.

**THE ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING,
BANQUET AND ORATION.**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE TWENTY-FIFTH.

Wednesday of an URSINUS commencement week has two distinctive features, prominently brought out and pleasant to contemplate. It is a time when old forms and faces shake hands with old scenes and the sadness of reminiscence and its joy struggle in the mind for the mastery, and a time when there may be seen an admirable exemplification of the natural tendency of individuals to indulge in a common feeling of patriotism for a worthy cause they have unitedly and heartily espoused.

The former feature manifests itself first during the day, generally in small knots of old students in earnest conversation, gathered here and there on the campus and in the halls of the college; the latter is displayed later on, grows rapidly, and finally predominates and absorbs the other by its superior force and breadth. The fires of loyalty to Alma Mater burn so brightly that the twilight and shadows

of the past fade away; days gone by, and days present and days to come blend, and the gaps between them are obliterated; the temporary feeling of strangeness amid the associations of former years is dispelled, and the graduate of '72 suddenly finds himself entirely at home with the graduate of '90. For under the genial glow of unanimous enthusiasm at prosperity attained and in store for his beloved institution, he has become altogether forgetful of the eighteen years that lie between himself and the alumnus by his side.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Promptly at ten o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, the Association was called to order in the college chapel, with the President, George W. Wolfersberger, M. S., '83, of Philadelphia, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Edwin C. Hibshman, '86, of Philadelphia, the minutes of the last annual meeting and of the meetings of the Executive Committee during the intervening year, were read and approved; as was also the Treasurer's report for the same period. The twelve members of the graduating class of '90 applied for admission into the Association and were unanimously elected. Those of their number who were present, were then initiated, the others going through that ceremony at the adjourned meeting which was held for that purpose at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. Prof. M. Peters, A. M., the college librarian, gave a very gratifying report of the year's work and results in this successful branch of the college economy. After referring to

the large number of books added to the library during the year, of which mention has been made from time to time in the columns of the BULLETIN, the Professor gave a description of the very complete card catalogues which were prepared in the most improved forms, at some expense and with much labor and patience during the summer vacation of 1889, and which have increased beyond estimate the library's intrinsic, practical value. On motion the report received the hearty endorsement of the association and united votes of thanks were unanimously extended the librarian and Mr. Mayne R. Longstreth, '89, of Collegeville, for the deep interest and commendable energy and intelligence they had displayed in carrying on this work as an essential attendant on the growing prosperity of the college. In connection with this subject it was resolved that the librarian be authorized to collect all fines and dues of the library, and at the end of each year divide the amount in hand from these sources equally among the several literary societies of the college and the Alumni Association.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, A. M., '84, York, Pa.

Vice-President, Miss Flora S. Rahn, B. S., '89, Schwenksville, Pa.

Secretary and Treasurer, F. G. Hobson, Esq., A. M., '76, Norristown, Pa.

Historian, Rev. James W. Meminger, A. B., '84, Lancaster, Pa.

Orator, Rev. John H. Bomberger, A. M., '77, Columbiana, Ohio.

Alternate, Rev. Ernest R. Cassaday, A. M., '77, Philadelphia.

After the election A. W. Bomberger, Esq., '82, proposed an amendment to

the Constitution, extending the honor of the position of Alumni Orator to all regular graduates of the college, whether of the Classical or Scientific Departments. Under the rules the amendment was laid on the table until the next annual meeting in 1891, when it will be finally passed upon by the Association.

The customary business being transacted, all minor routine items were quickly disposed of and the Association seemed about ready to adjourn, when the important and distinguishing event of the meeting took place. It was unwittingly but very appropriately introduced in a brief but ringing impromptu speech made by Edwin S. Snively, Esq., '81, of Shady Grove, Pa., urging a deeper and more lively concern on the part of the Alumni in the real and substantial progress of their Alma Mater. The loud applause which greeted the speaker's remarks had hardly subsided when the Secretary arose and read a formal communication from the Board of Directors of the college, informing the Association of Mr. Robert Patterson's subscription of \$25,000 toward a new building for URSINUS, and earnestly urging the Association to assume the fulfillment of one of the two conditions of the subscription, by pledging itself to raise \$10,000 during the coming year for the entire cancellation of the college debt. In the enthusiasm which the announcement of Mr. Patterson's liberality created there was at once a manifest eagerness on the part of the Association to accept the proposition of the Directors and gladly assume the work reserved for it, and this was the action that was finally taken in the matter, unanimously and amid much

good feeling. The general plan through which the Association proposes to redeem its pledge, and which was developed in the discussion of the question and embodied in the resolution by which it was finally decided, is that at least one hundred of the alumni of the collegiate and theological departments agree to contribute \$100 each toward the common object before commencement, 1891, either giving the amount entirely themselves or securing it in part among their friends. The undertaking was assumed, further, on the expressed understanding that the college would, after the expiration of five years, refund to the Association the \$10,000 thus raised by it, should the Association resolve at any time in the future to establish an Alumni Professorship of \$20,000, and desire to use as part of such a foundation the sum previously devoted by it to the institution's indebtedness; the return of the money to be made just as rapidly as the Association secures the balance of the endowment, the college thus promptly duplicating the results obtained by its graduates in working for this end. This qualification was added because for several years it has been the openly discussed wish of the Alumni to found a professorship for their Alma Mater in the course of time, and it was deemed wise not to allow the obligation just assumed to interfere permanently with this project, but rather aid and encourage it.

This long-to-be-remembered action of the Alumni was taken in a spirit that plainly foretold the ultimate success of the work assumed. A subscription book in proper form was soon in circulation in which in a short time the following graduates had entered their

names for one hundred dollars each:

Class of '73, Rev. H. T. Spangler; '74, Rev. Prof. M. Peters; '75, Rev. D. U. Wolff; '76, F. G. Hobson, Esq., Rev. G. S. Sorber, Rev. F. C. Vost; '77, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Rev. E. R. Cassaday, Rev. S. M. Hench; '81, Mr. E. S. Snively; '82, A. W. Bomberger, Esq.; '83, Dr. G. W. Wolfersberger; '84, Rev. H. A. Bomberger, Rev. J. W. Meminger, Miss Minerva Weinberger; '85, Rev. J. B. May, Rev. T. C. Strock; '86, Miss Lillie Eberly, Rev. E. C. Hibshman; '87, Rev. G. P. Fisher, Rev. C. E. Wehler; '89, Ernest Clapp, I. C. Fisher, E. H. Longstreth, O. H. E. Rauch; '90, A. H. Eberly. Theological Alumni—'74, Rev. J. H. Sechler; '77, Rev. A. B. Stoner; '89, Rev. Wilson Delaney, Rev. W. S. Gottshall; '90, Rev. N. W. Sechler.

While the business of signing names was still in progress the Association finally adjourned, brief but eloquent remarks on the future of URSINUS having first been made by President Bomberger, who came in during the closing moments of the meeting.

At the afternoon session nothing of import was done outside of the initiation of the members of the class of ninety, who were unavoidably absent in the morning.

THE BANQUET.

On the same day, Wednesday, at four in the afternoon, graduates and special guests to the number of seventy-five or more, partook of the annual Alumni banquet in the dining-hall of Prospect Terrace. Although the menu from beginning to end, through the fault of those who had it in hand, was entirely uninviting and a great disappointment, the feast of reason that formed the concluding feature of the occasion, was bright and attractive, and sparkled with things pleasant and agreeable. Rev. John H. Bomberger,

'77, spoke entertainingly for "Humanity in General;" Miss Minerva Weinberger, '84, in poetic measures represented the Alumnae of URSINUS; Vice-President H. W. Super, D. D., wittily responded for the Faculty, and H. W. Kratz, Esq., in an interesting way sustained the side of the Board of Directors; Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, '84, held forth in a humorous dissertation that was punctuated throughout with much appreciative laughter and applause, and Rev. Charles E. Wehler, '87, Rev. Henry T. Spangler, '73, and President Bomberger, each, offered brief remarks that held the attention of all present. Mr. George W. Wolfersberger, '83, the retiring head of the Association, presided at the board, and proposed the several toasts.

Much regret was expressed by members of the Alumni executive committee, at the inferior character and bad management of the menu on the occasion, and they desired it known that they were free from responsibility for the results in this direction, and that every effort would be made to prevent a repetition of them at similar events in the future.

THE ALUMNI ORATION.

BY REV. FRANCIS C. YOST, A. M., '76.

The exercises of Wednesday night opened before the usual crowded assemblage with a stirring selection of vocal music entitled "We Rock Away," by a large chorus, selected for the occasion, led by Mr. Ralph Royer, '90. Mr. Wolfersberger presented Rev. George S. Sorber, A. M., '76, Watson-town, Pa., who led the audience in prayer. A second number, "King

all Glorious," by Barnby, was given by the chorus, and the orator of the night, Rev. Francis C. Yost, A. M., '76, of Phoenixville, Pa., being introduced was received with warm applause.

The speaker's theme, as previously announced, was "American Manhood," and his treatment of it displayed careful study and much originality of thought. As a whole, the production was the development of a lofty ideal, the essential characteristics of which were clearly portrayed and eloquently described. Convincingly logical and correct in its conclusions, elevated and cultured in tone from introduction to peroration and abounding in high conceptions and inspiring presentations of the duties of individuals as social beings, the speech set a standard of manhood, distinctively American in progressive breadth and fullness, that would not fail of being an ennobling index of right conduct and thinking for the truest citizenship. The style of delivery of the speaker was like the substance of his address, forcible, earnest and full of the fire of a well-conceived purpose to elucidate his theme in a way that might show in most striking pictures its living, practical import for all. The effort was a masterly one, strong and well sustained, and the audience attested their warm approval of it by indulging in long continued plaudits as the orator retired.

Two musical numbers, "Song of the Triton," by Molloy, and "Alleluatic Sequence," by Buck, both given with spirit and finish by the chorus, concluded the entertainment of the evening and the proceedings of a most notable Alumni Day.

The singing of the chorus, under Mr. Royer's direction ranked with the best music ever heard at URSINUS, and deserved and received universal commendation. The solo parts were filled by Miss Keplar, of Easton, Soprano; Miss Bertha Kookan, of Trappe, Contralto; Mr. Samuel S. Sneyd, of Philadelphia, Tenor, and Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, '84, of York, Bass. Miss Jennie Kegrize, of Philadelphia, was the accompanist.

ATTENDANCE OF ALUMNI.

During the commencement a larger number of graduates were present than ever before in the past. More than a score of those in attendance were accompanied by their wives. A complete list of the Alumni who joined in the festivities follows:

'73. J. A. Strassburger, Esq., Norristown, Pa.; Rev. H. T. Spangler, Collegeville, Pa. '74. Rev. Prof. M. Peters, Collegeville, Pa. '75. Rev. L. G. Kremer, Spring City, Pa.; Rev. D. U. Wolff, Myerstown, Pa. '76. F. G. Hobson, Esq., Norristown, Pa.; Rev. George S. Sorber, Watsonstown, Pa.; Rev. F. C. Yost, Phoenixville, Pa.; Rev. A. B. Markley, So. Bethlehem, Pa. '77. Rev. Ernest R. Cassaday, Philadelphia; E. F. Slough, Esq., Norristown, Pa.; Rev. S. M. Hench, Walkersville, Md.; Rev. John H. Bomberger, Columbiana, Ohio. '81. Rev. Prof. George W. Stibitz, Collegeville, Pa.; Edwin S. Snively, Esq., Shady Grove, Pa. '82. Louis E. Taubel, M. D., Philadelphia; A. W. Bomberger, Esq., Norristown, Pa. '83. Dr. George W. Wolfersberger, Philadelphia; Mr. A. Bond Wanner, Minersville, Pa. '84. Rev. James W. Meminger, Lancaster, Pa.; Rev.

John J. Stauffer, Weissport, Pa.; Miss Minerva Weinberger, Collegeville, Pa.; Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, York, Pa.; Mrs. Bertha Wehler, *nee* Hendricks, Centre Square, Pa.; Mr. H. Alvin Hunsicker, Philadelphia, Pa. '85. Rev. T. C. Strock, Erwinna, Pa.; Alvin J. Kern, M. D., Slatington, Pa.; Mrs. Sallie Wagner, *nee* Kulp, Grater's Ford, Pa.; Rev. Samuel H. Phillips, Durham, Pa.; Rev. James B. May, Birdsboro, Pa.; Miss Mary Weist, Freeburg, Pa. '86. Rev. E. C. Hibshman, Philadelphia; Miss May Royer, Trappe, Pa.; Miss Lillie P. Eberly, Durlach, Pa. '87. Rev. G. P. Fisher, New Hanover, Pa.; Rev. Charles E. Wehler, Centre Square, Pa.; Mr. Walter Bomberger, Collegeville, Pa. '88. A. H. Hendricks, Esq., Collegeville, Pa.; Mr. C. U. O. Derr, Reading, Pa.; Mr. R. F. Longacre, Yerkess, Pa.; Mr. H. T. Boyer, Norristown, Pa. '89. Mr. H. A. I. Benner, Collegeville, Pa.; Mr. Ernest Clapp, Newton, N. C.; Mr. I. Calvin Fisher, Myerstown, Pa.; Mr. Mayne R. Longstreth, Collegeville, Pa.; Miss Flora S. Rahn, Schwenksville, Pa.; Mr. O. H. E. Rauch, Slatington, Pa.; Mr. H. M. Slotterer, Trappe, Pa.; Mr. Ernest H. Longstreth, Philadelphia. '90. Mr. C. Henry Brandt, York, Pa.; Mr. Edward S. Bromer, Schwenksville, Pa.; Mr. Granxille H. Meixell, Bethlehem, Pa.; Mr. William F. Ruff, New Oxford, Pa.; Mr. William H. Loose, Myerstown, Pa.; Mr. Robert G. Magee, Conshohocken, Pa.; Mr. Harvey E. Kilmer, Myerstown, Pa.; Mr. Charles H. Slinghoff, Red Land, Pa.; Mr. Paul M. Spangler, York, Pa.; Mr. Charles P. Kehl, East Greenville, Pa.; Mr. Albert H. Eberly, Durlach,

Pa.; Mr. Ralph Royer, Trappe, Pa. Theological Alumni:—Rev. F. S. Lindaman, Littlestown, Pa., '72; Rev. John H. Sechler, Philadelphia, '74; Rev. J. E. Smith, Bath, Pa., Rev. A. B. Stoner, Landisburg, Pa., '77; Rev. John A. Mertz, Linfield, Pa., '86; Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, Vincent, Pa., '88; Rev. W. S. Gottshall, Schwenksville, Pa., '89; Rev. Charles P. Alpach, Pleasantville, Pa., '90; Rev. Albert Hibshman, Prospectville, Pa., '90; Rev. Wilson Delaney, Philadelphia, Pa., '89; Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Cedarville, Pa., '90; Rev. N. W. Sechler, Ringtown, Pa., '90.

GRADUATION EXERCISES.

THE CROWNING DAY OF THE WEEK.

Commencement proper always takes place on Thursday at URSINUS. This year it fell on June twenty-sixth, a date now marked on the college calendar with the bright initial letter that denotes a great and successful occasion; for such it was. The delightful summer weather, which continued from the preceding day and filled the air and trees and fields with unbroken sunshine and pleasant breezes, was not more fair than the smiling skies of prosperity that at the same time seemed to spread themselves over the life and interests of URSINUS COLLEGE and look down with approval on her work.

Morning trains at Collegeville station were crowded to the platforms with visitors from a distance, and hundreds more came in scores of carriages from the country and surrounding towns. The exercises began at half-past nine o'clock, at which hour, though the tent was already overflow-

ing with its crowd of humanity, people still continued to arrive.

The appearance of the long procession of the members of the Board of Directors and Faculty of the college followed by the Alumni and students, as it slowly filed up the main aisle of the tent, was the well-known announcement that the programme of the day was about to open. Attention was at once drawn to the platform and throughout the entire proceedings the interest was unabated. The exercises of the morning as rendered were in full as follows:

MUSIC.

Prayer, Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., Lebanon, Pa.
 Salutory—The Supremacy of Moral Law,
 Edward S. Bromer, Schwenksville, Pa.
 Scientific Oration—Signs and Signals,
 Ralph Royer, Trappe, Pa.

MUSIC.

Oration—The Public Duties of a Citizen in
 Time of War,
 Albert H. Eberly, Durlach, Pa.
 Oration—Tendencies of the Times,
 Charles P. Kehl, East Greenville, Pa.
 Oration—Formation of Character,
 Paul M. Spangler, York, Pa.

MUSIC.

Oration—The Character and Place of the
 American Mind,
 Charles H. Slinghoff, Red Land, Pa.
 Oration—The Mission of the Reformer,
 Harvey E. Kilmer, Myerstown, Pa.
 Oration—Artistic Delivery,
 Robert G. Magee, Conshohocken, Pa.

MUSIC.

Oration—Intellectual Progress,
 William H. Loose, Myerstown, Pa.
 Oration—The Man for the Times,
 William F. Ruff, New Oxford, Pa.
 Philosophical Oration—"America for Americans"—Is the sentiment correct?
 Granville H. Meixell, Bethlehem, Pa.

MUSIC.

Valedictory—The Bible in the Public Schools,
 C. Henry Brandt, York, Pa.

At the conclusion of the orations a selection of music was played by the orchestra. President Bomberger then called the graduates to the platform and conferred upon them the academic degrees to which they were entitled, Ralph Royer receiving that of Bachelor of Sciences, and the others that of Bachelor of Arts. He accompanied the ceremony with parting words of counsel and his fervent blessing.

The degrees *in course* and the single degree *honoris causa* which the Board passed this year, were next announced amid manifestations of approval from the friends of the recipients present in the assemblage.

After this, President Bomberger, before taking his seat, indulged in somewhat extended remarks in his happiest vein relating to the noteworthy achievements for the permanent welfare of the college which the 19th Commencement had witnessed. His glowing description of the brilliant future that had opened out before URSINUS was followed closely and with frequent signs of sympathetic and responsive gladness in all who heard, and when Mr. Robert Patterson's generous gift of \$25,000 was mentioned the speaker was interrupted by a literal storm of applause that was prolonged and enthusiastic.

From Salutatorian to Valedictorian the orators of the day discharged their parts with high honor to themselves and their Alma Mater, showing no hesitation in speech or lack of grace in delivery. The entire programme was, as to excellence but a worthy repetition of the creditable results of years gone by. In such matters at URSINUS there seems to be no variation save in the direction of improvement.

The presence once again of Prof. E. Lehman Ruhe's Eureka Orchestra, of Allentown, accompanied by Prof. Setaro, the accomplished harpist, of Philadelphia, occasioned special pleasure, and their delightful rendition of the musical portion of the programme was heartily appreciated.

At the end of his closing remarks, above referred to, President Bomberger pronounced the benediction, the audience gave itself up to hand-shaking and congratulation, and the 19th Commencement became a matter of history for future days.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

During the afternoon of Commencement day the campus was enlivened by the melodious strains of Professor Ruhe and his talented associates, and this fact added to the attractions of social intercourse, drew together about the tent and under the umbrageous trees in every direction hundreds of visitors, professors, students and alumni, who passed the time in enjoyment of the music or the pleasure of general conversation. Many others, whose inclinations followed that drift, repaired to the grounds of the Athletic Association near by, and witnessed a game of base-ball between the URSINUS team and the Phoenixville nine, in which, however, victory perched on the wrong banners, the college club being easily beaten by a score of 15 to 3.

On Thursday evening in the college chapel an informal concert was given, by talent from at home and abroad, which proved a rich musical treat. It was participated in by Mrs. Helen Boice-Hunsicker, Soprano, of Philadelphia, who sang in several solos and

a duet; by Miss Keplar, of Easton, Miss Cora Wiest, of Collegeville, and Miss Louisa Uhlinger, of Philadelphia, all Sopranos, each of whom gave one or two solos and the last named a piano selection in addition; by Miss L. M. Franklin, Woodbury, N. J., Miss May, Royer, '86, of Trappe, and Mr. O. H. E. Rauch, '89, of Slatington, who rendered numbers for the piano; by Mr. Samuel S. Sneyd, Tenor, and Mr. H. Alvin Hunsicker, '84, Baritone, of Philadelphia; Rev. Henry A. Bomberger, '84, Bass, of York; Mr. Ralph Royer, '90, Bass, of Trappe, and Mr. Philip Blair, of York, who acted as accompanist for Mr. Bomberger.

The programme rendered was varied and altogether entertaining, forming an appropriate finale for the closing hours of an enjoyable commencement.

**PRESIDENT BOMBERGER'S BAC-
CALAUREATE TO THE
CLASS OF '90.**

THE FAREWELL DISCOURSE IN FULL.
(*Stenographically Reported.*)

I ask your attention this evening, that of the congregation at large, but especially that of our young friends of the Senior graduating class, to the consideration of God's Word as found in the sixteenth chapter of the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, and the ninth verse:

"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

Paul was in Ephesus. Ephesus, as a grand emporium of trade and commerce, was one of the great attractions of the world, and next to Rome, one of the first cities of the Empire. Beside its own teeming inhabitants, it

counted annually tens of thousands of visitors from near and far, that were drawn to it by various motives, and visited it for ends suited to their several aims and ruling desires. There were those that sought gold. Ephesus was the place to get it. There were those that sought glory. Ephesus was the place where they might find it. There were those that had abandoned themselves, soul and body, to the indulgence of carnal passions, and if nowhere else they might find the fulness of satiety in the orgies of the Temple of Diana. All that a carnal heart could desire, all that an avaricious and covetous spirit could grasp after, might be found in Ephesus.

Did Paul go there to gather gold? Was the motive that prompted and inspired him to make a tour of the city, one directed toward his own aggrandizement or the gratification of any depraved appetite? Why not? He, too, was a man, and had as good a right as any Ephesian, or any of you, to live for gold, for sensual pleasure, or for earthly glory. He had as good a right to abandon himself, with all the capacities and powers and wondrous life that every mortal bears, with which every rational being is endowed, to abandon all to the courses of this sinful world and its transitory joys. I press this point at the outset, for it has a bearing upon what else I have to say, and I press it further because this is a point not apt to be considered. The people of the world say, "Well, if you choose to be a Christian or a philanthropist, if you choose to give your life up to works of beneficence for others, go on your way. It is not my choice. I prefer this other course. Each one has a right to choose for himself."

What shall we answer? Yes? No, no! As heaven is true above us, No! As the earth stands around about us, declaring itself to be the handiwork of God, No! No man has a right to do as he pleases, unless his soul has been brought in tune with God. Then his pleasure will be God's pleasure, and the purposes of his soul in harmony with the will of the Almighty.

Paul had as good a right as any other man of his day to go to Ephesus and start in business there, merely for the sake of making money for himself or gathering glory for himself, or supplying himself with the means of that carnal, low indulgence which makes money a means to death, and gratification, poison; but he chose no such course; he went to Ephesus on no such errand. He had learned a better, higher, holier lesson, gladly learned it, gladly received it to his heart, and bowed to its behests. Whatever he may have lived for in his earlier life—now, for him to live was Christ. Whatever he may have labored to secure in years gone by, now this one thing he did, forgetting all that was behind, he fixed his heart, his eye, his intensest purpose upon another, higher aim—that was God and glory in the salvation of a lost and ruined world. And now he tells us, that although in going to Ephesus few might have had courage to hope for success for the Gospel; God had blessed his courage, God had rewarded his self-denying valor, and behold he writes to Corinth from that same Ephesus, and possibly whilst within reach of the Temple of Diana with all its diabolisms: "For a door, a great door, an effectual door, is opened unto me. Therefore I have concluded to tarry here longer than I had intended

to stay." He found to his heart's joy even in Ephesus what he sought for. What was it? Opportunity to do good. Opportunity to do good on the highest and holiest line of beneficence. Opportunity to do good, the benefits of which should not simply go with man through life, should not be buried with him at his death, but follow him to a glorious eternity beyond. A great door and effectual was opened to him, and in that he rejoices. There were many adversaries, but that by no means disheartened him; nay, rather proved a more intense incentive to his laying more vigorous hold of and pursuing with more determined zeal the purpose that had taken him to that grand, commercial, yet Satanic city. And so I find in the text, and the example which is set before us by the Apostle in the language he employs, a theme that seems to me most suitable for this impressive and important hour for you, young gentlemen, brethren, and for you all,

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EFFECTIVE WORK.

Great opportunities for effective work. It is work you want, is it not? You have not spent your years in the pursuit of an academic course merely at the close of it to get a diploma ticket which shall entitle you to a shady spot where you may lie down and sleep forever. No, every bone in your body says, "Work." Every sinew in your arm says, "Work." Every throbbing of your heart says, "Work," and the blood that courses through your veins would burn its way out of those veins if you did not give it work. And back of all, I trust, your soul says, "O, give me something to do! I want work."

But what is work? A simple word of few letters, but have you ever thought, have you ever laid to heart reflectively what "Work" means? It is not fussing about, flurryingly and restlessly, tossing, jumping hither and thither, up and down, in and out, going off enthusiastically this way and that way. That is not work. Neither can you fairly call anything work that does not contemplate a certain, definite, substantial and worthy end. Work means wit back of it, as prompting it, and wit means a mind enlightened by heavenly wisdom. Work means a discernment of something to do worthy of the man or woman that undertakes it. Do not quote to me to-night the language of the proverb, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," and say that leaves a wide scope for action or for work. No, it does not. It narrows the thing down very nicely, closely, and intelligently: "What? How? What do you mean?" What was the language quoted? "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do." "Thy hand." To whom was the word addressed? To an ox? To an ass? To a calf? To a bird of prey? Or to man, to a rational being, made not to stoop down and graze, but to look up that he might soar on the wings of faith and devotion to a higher life, and attain the issues of such a life? That is work. There is much labor in the world, but not much true work. What we need is more of the genuine article.

We cannot eat if we will not work. We cannot say that we have earned our living unless as we have wrought for it, and in every line of life, every course we may choose to pursue, that is at all in the right direction and in harmony with the high endowments and ends of

our being, we will find much work to do from day to day.

All good men and women have found it so, and been glad of it. They have sought means and opportunities for the exercise and concomitant development of their capabilities, their faculties, their affections, and even of their powers and talents that are employed with physical things. And in proportion as they have given themselves earnestly and honestly to work in such directions, in that proportion have they found happiness and joy, and have made their lives a blessing and a gladness, not only to themselves but to multitudes around them. Let me, therefore, without following out this line of thought any further now, beg you, young gentlemen, and beg every one of you, my friends, if you have already started out in the work of life, to get at it and go on with it more zealously, from day to day. Or, if you have yet to choose, resolve to-night that you will be a worker while you live, combining work with worship, doing all as unto Him that has given you power to do it and discernment to know how to do it well.

But here comes in what leads me to my second main point. Opportunities, openings for such work, and in lines that are in accordance with the constitution of your rational nature and the design of man's being. Here, however, also, come in objections and difficulties. "Work? Why, it has all been done. There is nothing left worth laying hands upon. The trades are full, the professions are full, everything is full. There is no room for undeveloped genius, there is no room for talent in the line of art, whether music or painting or sculpture. All is done.

There can never be another Gladstone, another Bismark, another Daniel Webster. There will never be another great architect like Christopher Wren." That is oftentimes the language and the thought which men indulge and utter. There is nothing to be done. It is all accomplished. And yet, my friends, you need but look with open eyes and with quickened thought around you to see that the opposite is true. The fact is that as the world has hastened on to its final consummation man's powers have been quickened. Genius has developed in greater measure and greater numbers than ever before. Inventive powers have manifested a skill and an ability of achievement that seem to leave all past discoveries far in the rear. In every department of life, in every sphere of human activity, instead of seeing humanity senile, decrepit, palsied, ready to die, you may say, I seem to see it rouse itself up for some new achievements, greater and grander than any yet attained, for some new work more glorious than any undertaking of the past. On every side, if you will look at what has been accomplished even within your own short lives, you can count discoveries that astonished the world.

During the present century, which began at a time when great things had been already done, so that many might have supposed that there was nothing left worth the further accomplishing, what has been wrought? What have we achieved? Where were the railroads in the eighteenth century? Where were the telegraphs and telephones in the eighteenth century? Where was the *phonograph*, the strangest and most mysterious, in some respects, of all?

I would not speak disparagingly of the past. I honor it and honor its best traditions. They are worthy of being cherished with reverence and with regard. But the nineteenth century, following even the preceding three, has accomplished for the world in its highest life more by far than had been accomplished in any previous century since the first. More good has been done by more men and women during this century than was ever wrought out by the same number in any century that preceded it, and foundations have been laid for work, which gives opportunity to those that shall follow for greater exploits than any that are yet recorded on the page of human history. O, say not the work is all done! There are pyramids to be built which shall cast those of ancient Egypt utterly in the shade. There are works of art to be accomplished which shall far exceed whatever man in ages gone may have seen, wondered at and admired. All done? Young gentlemen, and those of the age you represent to-night throughout this community, state and the world, there are a thousand millions of souls to be gathered to Christ. There are iniquities to be cleansed out of every city of the land and of the world. There are vices to be exterminated, spirits of evil that are causing humanity to groan from the rising to the setting sun. Nothing to be done? There is work enough in Montgomery County to keep you twelve young men busy all your lives. Look at the statistics of morality. Look at the ethical statistics of society anywhere. Go to Philadelphia. I may call it, as our city, the best city in the world; but go to Philadelphia. There are fifty thousand drunkards there to-day that need

reforming and rescuing from a drunkard's grave. There are a hundred thousand adults in Philadelphia that never worship God. There are in Philadelphia tens of thousands that live for vice and misery and the second death.

Nothing to do? With the intelligence I hope you have acquired in your course of studies here, it may be presumed that you have eyes to see in every sphere of work and human life, in every department of effort, an amount of labor still to be accomplished that challenges your consideration, and not only invites but urges you to lay earnest and vigorous hold of it. There may be no more Carthages to conquer, but there is a world to be rescued from the bondage of sin. There may be no more glory to win such as the great commanders of the world once gained, or laurels for you to gather such as they were proud to wear upon their brows, but there remains enough for every one of you to do to make all of you who do it shine forever and forever as the stars of the firmament of heaven. Opportunities offer themselves in your homes, in your native towns or villages, in the communities in which you live, in your state, all around you on every side.

Such opportunities offer even in the line of secular pursuits. Oh, I do not believe the last word has yet been spoken in the physical philosophies. I do not believe the last rung of the ladder has been reached in the higher, metaphysical sciences. I do not believe by any means that all has been gained in regard to law and medicine that may still be achieved. Only ask yourselves and answer such questions as this thought suggests, and see

whether all has been done and there is nothing left for you to lay hold of and accomplish. No, no, there is everything to be done. The opportunities of the past have only opened wider spheres and more inviting fields for action and for effort, and in proportion as such opportunities have been improved by the fathers of the past their sons of the present may enter, not simply a stage of higher enjoyment, but a wider area for labor, earnest, honest, devoted effort, with every prospect of enlarged success, if they will but prosecute the work with proper motives and untiring zeal. The harvests have not all been gathered. They have not all grown! The soil of the earth is not exhausted. The mines have not been dragged out and emptied. For one already opened there remain ten richer beds. Gentlemen, if you want to make money, go to work and discover some method by which you can get the aluminium out of this soil around here. There are millions of dollars in every square mile of it. It will be discovered, and may be one of you will be the discoverer, but if you are, may Heaven help you to keep the gold from sinking you to the bottom of the sea, or rather help you to make it a means of flying upward like the eagle to holier heights than any which this earth affords. This is the point, then, I wish to impress upon you, that in every sphere open to the activity and effort of rational, intelligent, emotional man, you may find abundant work to do, and more of it than ever has been accomplished in the past. Were the other theory right, then the world had better wind up and settle its accounts, or make an assignment and surrender in bankruptcy. Nothing of

it. Nothing of it! There is work for you to do, as there was for your fathers and for the ancients, and it is as good, blessed, holy, inviting and inspiring as that which led Moses, the heir to the throne of Egypt, to turn his back on all and rather suffer affliction with those who were on a better way and higher, than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. The last sermon has not been preached. The Gospel has not been proclaimed as God means it should be to the ends of the world. There are regions still to be conquered for Christ and for salvation. Go forth and subdue them in your Saviour's name.

But I turn to the third point. *Difficulties; Adversaries*, too. Every good undertaking has been confronted, not only at the start but all through its course, with adversaries. You know the proverb, that there never was built a church but Satan built a brothel opposite. It has been the history of fallen man. The fact is, in an apostate world the majority is always against the right, the heavenly and the true. I do not wish, however, to deal with this point in a general way, but to narrow down what I have to say to two or three forces that array themselves in special antagonism to the things that are pure and good.

One adversary is of such nature that I know each of you will be likely to find it, not only subtle, but most defiant and determined to succeed in putting down the truth. It is all the more to be dreaded because so adroitly arrayed in the garb of a friend, because using oftentimes the language of amity, when the real effect of its scheme is death to the cause it professes most emphatically to espouse. Long ago it was said by Him Who was wisdom in-

carnate in the highest form, "A man's foes shall be them of his own household." We have come upon a reactionary period in the history not only of ecclesiastical orthodoxy but of Christianity itself. As I hinted a few moments ago, this century has been remarkable for its vigorous evangelisms. The fact has been discovered by others besides those that love the Gospel, and the great enemy of truth and righteousness and God has been quick to try and turn all this tide of blessing back upon itself. By what means have the great evangelistic movements of the century been carried on? On what basis? On the basis of faith in the Bible as the inspired word of God. On the basis of the Gospel, laid and built on the foundation of the prophets and the Apostles. On the basis of humble, deferential submission to the authority of the divine Word by the human reason and the philosophies of men. Instead of the reason dictating to God what He should teach and how He should save the world, the church accepted grace and truth as He supernaturally revealed and offered them. Now, what is being done? Men ask: "Did you say the Bible was the inspired word of God? We would like you to prove it. It is no more inspired than you or I may be now. No more so far as the essential thing, the genus inspiration is concerned. There may have been a somewhat intenser form, but it was no more supernatural in the higher sense than yours or mine." That is virtually the language with which we are assailed. Now, we would not need to care a straw for it were it not for the fact that the weapon which is thus used is a sharp axe with which it is sought to cut the

very tap root of faith and of believing energy in the evangelistic work of the world.

Young gentlemen and friends, rouse up to a consciousness of the peril to which all this so-called higher criticism exposes us! It is false in the very essence of it, pernicious in all its influence and workings; and when I say this I wish to be understood as saying it without impugning the integrity or sincerity of those who unhappily are lending themselves as instruments of spreading its pernicious fallacies, and of undermining the very foundations not only of faith as faith, but of faith as the vital principle of all true, Christian, beneficent activity. Set aside the supernatural inspiration of the Bible, and what have you left? How are you to know truth from error, whether you are right or wrong? "Your own enlightened reason must tell you that. Your own Christian, sanctified reason must tell you that." Where, however, is your Christian, sanctified reason to come from? True, the holy Spirit regenerates the soul by the word of God. But take the word of God away and the Spirit's effectual means of regeneration and sanctification and the quickening of every good work in newness of life, is lost and gone forever.

Along with this comes that other specious error, (I must allude to it to make the argument complete,) *future probation*, for which there is no warrant in the word of God, and no warrant in any worthy, high conception of the nature of the Almighty One. It is altogether an unphilosophical and foolish view of love to think that it must exclude all thought of penalty for sin. Its every essence contains the opposite

idea. The buckler of Jehovah, against whose bosses the wicked rush to their ruin, becomes their ruin because they rush against it. For others it is a shield of safety and defence. A rock is harmless if you do not pitch down upon it head foremost from a precipice. Nay, it is a strong support, and "a stepping-stone to higher things." It is not God's love that bans, it is man's contempt of it and man's rejection of it; and that must bring the penalty. It is not poison that kills you, it is your taking it. O, my hearers, if any of you have been tempted to let that baneful error taint you and weaken the sinews of your faith and energy in the service of God, cast it from you, remembering the words of Him that said, "If thy right eye offend thee pluck it out and cast it from thee; for it is better for thee to go into Heaven with one eye than having two eyes to be cast into Hell, where their worm dieth not and their fire is never quenched."

Then again, you meet with an adversary in the form of false science and false philosophy. I am not afraid of being turned upon by either with the charge, "Ha, then you are opposed to philosophy and science!" No, sir, I am not, but I will not take anything you label "science" to be science, because you label it as such. I will not take what you prescribe as philosophy, because you prescribe it as such. For I find in those schemes which some scientists in their carnal way pronounce the highest science, that they lose sight of the very first principle on which all true science rests, namely, the proper consideration and valuation of *all facts*. You will remember the lesson of the class-room. You have

often heard it. I say they ignore, reject and refuse to use one of the absolute essentials of legitimate science, everywhere and in all ages, that is, a fair attention to all the facts of every matter presented for investigation. "Mr. Darwin, what do you think of the Bible?" "O, I have nothing to do with the Bible, sir. I am a scientist. I am a naturalist. I have nothing to do with the Bible." "You have not, Mr. Darwin? Did you never meet with one?" "O, yes, but as the word of God, I have nothing to do with it." "Very well, sir, let it alone then as the word of God; but it is a word. If it is not the word of God, it is either the word of the Devil or the word of man, and you cannot deny that it is, and have no right as a scientist to discard it even as a mere phenomenal fact." Now, you will not find one of them that recognizes the Bible in this way. But for the moment let us yield to them. Allow that it is not the word of God, not a supernatural revelation from Heaven. Nevertheless it is here. It is here, and just as real a thing as the rocks of geology, just as real as the plants of botany, just as real as the fossils of paleontology, just as real as they are. And honest scientists are bound to read it and see whether there is anything in it bearing on the subject to which they profess to have devoted the studies of their lives. But they will not give that phenomenon, if it is nothing else, they will not give this Bible, even as a mere phenomenon in nature, the consideration to which, as such, at least, it is entitled.

And so with the higher philosophy, the metaphysical, they are pursuing the same course, and they will confront you as adversaries of the same stamp.

I mean now philosophers who claim the power of man, as a rational being, to find out the last essence of all things independently of any divine and supernatural aid. I deny the premises. They have not done it. Old Greek philosophers failed in the attempt, and modern imitators have followed their inglorious example with the same results. They cannot do it. There were men in a little secluded nation of the East that had received illumination from Heaven, who knew and taught more concerning the primordial facts of science and the first principles of true philosophy, than all that were called philosophers, and that are still almost worshipped in many of our colleges, and exalted as possessors of wisdom surpassing that of Moses and the prophets. And yet Thales, Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle did not know one-thousandth part of what the simplest Israelite knew as he was going through the desert about the first things pertaining to the earth, to man, and to God. But philosophers still say, "If there be a God we will find Him out in our own way." Job said long ago that He was past finding out that way, and these vain devotees of science have proven it to be so. Thinking themselves to be wise they have become as fools.

You must meet them. On what ground will you stand? There is only one. Take the text for your motto, and say, "God, in Christ, through the Gospel, has opened for me a door, a great door and effectual, and just because there are adversaries confronting me as I enter upon the field to work there for my Maker, for my fellow-men and for a glorious immortality, I will work all the harder. I will not faint

because they frown. I will not succumb because they sneer. But I will work with all my might while I have power to work." And there are many that are doing this. Make them your pattern and your model.

You have been reading in the daily press during the last week of a great, solemn, sad work that is now going on and in a way that is exhibiting the noblest characteristics even of the natural man. A week ago some forty laborers in a coal mine near Dunbar, Pennsylvania, were suddenly shut in with smoke, with sulphur and with flames. The cry went all around, "The mine is on fire and the men cannot escape," and what followed? Five hundred brave men, young and old, come offering their services. "O, it is all in vain! You never can reach them and help them out?" "We will try." And they are at it still to-day. For what? To rescue perchance thirty or forty unfortunate fellow beings from a dreadful death. O, let me ask you whether there are not tens of thousands now around you in a far worse condition than those imprisoned miners? Will you let them perish? Is there nothing for you to do? Can you not hear a voice, like that which reached the holy Apostle from across the sea, "Come over into Macedonia and help us?" Can you not hear the cries and groans of dying humanity right around your homes, not only in China and Japan, but close against your very threshold, beseeching you, as you have mercy in your hearts and pity in your souls, to come and rescue them for time and for eternity? Be entreated, then, I pray you, to see with clear discerning eye, the open door that stands before you and invites you to fields of

toil where you may work for God, humanity and Heaven.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES OF THE COMMENCEMENT.

DECORATIONS OF THE TENT.

Much agreeable surprise was expressed during the week at the fine appearance of the general interior of the tent, and especially of the stage and its surroundings. The decorations were arranged on the Saturday preceding Commencement week, by a committee of students that deserves much praise for the way in which it performed its work. The stage was in three sections, extending entirely across the front of the tent, the middle section being slightly raised above those at the sides. Above this platform broad streamers of bunting were tastefully draped from the top of the twenty-five foot tent-pole that ran up directly in front of the centre of the stage, down to the side walls of the tent, forming a graceful semi-circular canopy of red, white and blue. A stand of handsome flags in the college colors, black, old-gold and red, arranged behind a bunting shield of the same combination, was suspended with pleasing effect on the pole above mentioned, and flags in like colors stood at each corner of the central stage. Light was secured for the front of the tent from four chandeliers suspended on posts covered with red, white and blue bunting, to the right and left of the platform. The walls of the tent, the central portion of it, and its other two supporting poles, were also elaborately decorated; fine Japanese lanterns, liberally distributed in advantageous places, gave additional

illumination in the evening, and the general effect was most attractive to the eye and creditable to those by whom it was designed.

THE URSINUS UNION.

An interesting and well-attended meeting of the Ursinus Union was held at the college on Wednesday afternoon of the week. Reports as to the condition and progress of the Union during the year were made, and discussions of plans and purposes were had which were highly satisfactory, and will be productive of good results.

NAMES OF VISITORS.

Among the hundreds of visitors from a distance present at the Commencement the following persons were noted:

Mr. Robert Patterson, Mr. Wm. H. Berger, Mr. William H. Schall, the Misses Doll, Mr. Thomas C. Atherholt, Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson, Mr. Jacob S. Sechler, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Wireback and daughter, Dr. B. N. Bethel and family, Philadelphia; Mr. Harry Varwig, Germantown; Professor Edmund Morris Hyde, Lehigh University; Mr. Harry D. Rupp, Rev. Aaron Spangler, Mr. Philip Blair, York, Pa.; Rev. S. P. Mauger, Stone Church, Pa.; Hon. Hiram C. Hoover, Hooverton, Pa.; Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., East Greenville, Pa.; Rev. Eli Keller, D. D., Zionsville, Pa.; Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio; Rev. J. B. Henry, H. W. Kratz, Esq., Mr. E. P. Gresh, Norristown, Pa.; Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., Lebanon, Pa.; Rev. E. D. Miller, Freeland, Pa.; Prof. N. M. Balliet, Myerstown, Pa.; Rev. S. M. K. Huber, Skippack, Pa.; Rev. R. S. Appel, Hamburg, Pa.; Mr. H. M. Stauffer, Pottstown, Pa.; Peter Gross, Mr. Frantz, Slatington, Pa.; James Brownback, Linfield, Pa.; W. H. Mosteller, M. D., Phoenixville, Pa.

MR. ROBERT PATTERSON'S GIFT.

The gift of \$25,000 toward a new building, made by Mr. Robert Patterson, is but the chief among a multitude of substantial evidences he has given for a long time of a broad spirit of real and generous interest in the welfare of URSINUS. On gratefully-remembered occasions before, he saw fit to make large single donations to our Alma Mater, and for the past several years he has contributed \$1,500 annually to the current expenses of the institution, which last proof of his constant concern for its success, it is his intention to continue regularly in the future. Well does he deserve the title of URSINUS' "best friend," and the unquestioned assurance that his name will always be associated with her lasting prosperity in days to come.

SPECIAL TRAIN ON THURSDAY.

The running of a special train on the Perkiomen road from Collegeville at six o'clock Thursday afternoon, for the accommodation of visitors from a distance desiring to make connection with trains at Perkiomen Junction, was a courtesy on the part of the management of the road, warmly appreciated by the college.

VACATION NEWS ABOUT COLLEGE.

FIRST FRUITS FOR THE \$10,000 ALUMNI FUND.

The first cash that reached the treasury of the college on behalf of this fund was \$70.00 from the Tincum charge, Bucks Co., Pa., of which the Rev. T. C. Strock, '85, is pastor. On the 20th of July Mr. Strock had a

sermon preached to his people and, with a little help from the visitor, sixteen families were called on in a day and a half, each of whom pledged five dollars toward his one hundred, and fourteen of them immediately paid the money. Three or four families were not found at home or, doubtless, the whole amount would have been pledged at once. With equal ease all the pastor-alumni could exchange visits, give each other a little help and raise their quota of the ten thousand in a few months' time.

The first full \$100.00 came to the treasury of the college from the consistory of Grace Reformed church, Columbiana, Ohio, of which the Rev. J. Huston Bomberger, '77 is pastor. This amount was raised and forwarded to President Bomberger without the knowledge of the pastor, and he was only apprised of its payment when Treasurer Hobson's receipt was presented to him. The following letter accompanied the remittance, which explains itself and may serve as a hint to other church officers who enjoy the pastoral services of URSINUS alumni:

COLUMBIANA, OHIO, July 29th, 1890.

J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL. D.

Collègeville, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Our beloved pastor, J. H. Bomberger, returned to us in good health and spirits. we all feel thankful that he is again with us.

Last Sunday morning he made known to the congregation a plan that was adopted at a meeting of the Alumni of URSINUS COLLEGE to raise funds for a new college building.

According to this plan, one hundred dollars is to be raised by each member of the Alumni, within the next six months. Our pastor, after presenting the matter and explaining the plan adopted, requested that his congregation assist him in raising the one hundred dollars, pledg-

ing a liberal proportion of the amount himself.

Immediately after services a consultation was held by several of the members and it was decided to at once raise the amount and forward it to you. As an evidence of our success enclosed please find J. Esterly & Co's. draft on "Importers' and Traders' National Bank, New York" for \$100.00.

This has been done without the knowledge of our pastor and in order to acquaint him with the facts, we desire that you send receipt to him by first mail as having received the one hundred dollars from Grace Reformed Church, Columbiana, Ohio, in payment of our pastor's —J. H. Bomberger's—proportion for new college building.

The sincere desire of this congregation is that the required amount for your new building will be speedily at hand.

Please receipt at once as requested.

Yours very respectfully,

J. ROHRBAUGH, Elder.

J. ESTERLY, Deacon.

In behalf of Grace Reformed Church,
Columbiana, Ohio.

TWENTY-FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR.

The opening of the twenty-first Academic year of URSINUS COLLEGE will take place on Monday morning, September 1st, 1890. The inaugural address of the term will be delivered on the following Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock by Rev. Prof. M. Peters, A. M. in the college chapel.

Examinations for admission into College will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 1st and 2d, at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. Students who come recommended from approved schools are admitted without examination.

The Academic Department, which will continue with Prof. Reichenbach as its efficient head, will be strengthened by the election of Ambrose L. Custer as Vice-Principal, who will devote all his time to teaching. He has

been principal of Abington High School, Montgomery County, and stands well in his profession.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

J. MANTON MENSCH, '91.

On Friday, July 11, 1890, J. Manton Mensch, of Pennsburg, Pa., who had just entered the Senior Class of URSINUS COLLEGE and who took part in the Junior Class exercises of its recent commencement, died suddenly of heart disease at the residence of his father, James G. Mensch, M. D., in the twenty-second year of his age.

His death was a grievous surprise and shock to the college community. He left Collegeville after the commencement exercises somewhat the worse for the hard study of his Junior year, but up to three or four days prior to his decease was in the enjoyment of his usual health.

About college the loss of this classmate and pupil will be felt beyond measure. Though small in stature and youthful in appearance for his age, he leaves a vacant place in the hearts of many friends at URSINUS that is both broad and deep and will be hard to fill. By reason of his quiet and retiring yet cordial and sincere disposition he specially endeared himself to all and was universally popular among his fellows. The hold he had on the affections of the members of the college was shown on the day of his funeral at the New Goshenhoppen Church, East Greenville, Wednesday, July 16th, when, though it was vacation time, Vice-President Super and Professors Stibitz and Rahn, and about fifty students of URSINUS were present, including the following mem-

bers of the Senior Class: George W. Filbert, Jr., Jay G. Francis, Harry E. Jones, William H. Knipe, Lillian Preston, Ada E. Schwenk, Flora K. Schwenk, William R. Smith, Hallie R. Vanderslice, Horace T. Wagner and Calvin D. Yost.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., of East Greenville, and were participated in by Vice-President Henry W. Super, D. D., and Rev. Prof. George Stibitz, of URSINUS. The sermon proper was preached by Dr. Weiser on the text "And ye are complete in Him." President Bomberger was away from home on his vacation at the time, and for that reason was unavoidably absent from the services.

The interment took place at the burial ground of Goshenhoppen Church. The pall bearers were six members of the class of ninety-one, Messrs. Francis, Jones, Knipe, Smith, Wagner and Yost. A beautiful floral anchor, inscribed with the word "Classmate," was contributed by the class as a token of their remembrance of one who will be sadly missed in their ranks during the closing year of their college course.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

TRIENNIAL STATISTICS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Synods, 8; Classes, 55; Ministers, 835; Congregations, 1,554; Members, 200,498; Unconfirmed Members, 112,486; Baptisms, Infant, 42,808, Adult, 4,569; Additions, by confirmation 31,483, by certificate 18,558; Communed, 155,118; Dismissed, 8,700; Excommunicated, 139; Erased, 8,640; Deaths, 15,250; Sunday-Schools, 1,513; S. S. Scholars, 138,616; Students for the Ministry, 285; Benevolent contributions, \$479,625, Congregational, \$2,580,945.

MR. PATTERSON'S GIFT TO URSINUS
COLLEGE.

[Editorial from *The Philadelphia Inquirer* of
June 30, 1890.]

The gift made by Mr. Robert Patterson, of this city, of twenty-five thousand dollars to URSINUS COLLEGE, in Montgomery county, conditioned upon the raising of an equal amount by the friends of the institution, promises to add very much to the usefulness of the college. Five thousand dollars were at once subscribed by friends of the college, and the Alumni Association gave pledges to collect ten thousand dollars during the coming year for the cancellation of the entire college debt.

Beginning in a small way without much means or many influential friends, the career of this college, which is still one of the minor colleges of the State, has been marked by a pluck and vigor that may yet place it ahead of more pretentious institutions. At any rate, it has performed its work honestly, it has devoted itself loyally and faithfully to its field, and that there is a genuine need for it is shown by its steady increase in influence.

It has been often said that there are too many colleges in Pennsylvania, and that if the effort and money which are divided among many were confined to a few, better results would be attained. Whether this is true or not generally, it does not apply to URSINUS COLLEGE, which has a field of its own. Its officers and friends, by not constantly holding the hat in hand and "whining about their condition," set an example of sturdy conduct which perhaps goes with sturdy growth.

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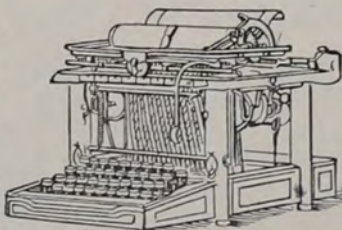
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